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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/720,197
Filing Date	April 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Welch et al.
Group Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Richard L. Chiesa
Attorney Docket No	440379/PALL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449
- v. ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
- vi. ☒ Other: 2 sheets of Formal Drawings

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 2 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The following fees are enclosed:
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$750.00
- ii. ☒ Three-month extension of time fee of \$930.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$930.00
- iii. ☒ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00
- iv. ☐ Other:

**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED** \$1,810.00


- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

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02 FC:1253	930.00 DA
03 FC:1460	130.00 DA

Request For Continued Examination Transmittal

Application No. 09/720,197  
Client Reference No.  
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print/Type)	John W. Belz	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,359
Signature		Date	3 July 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8			
I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal is, on the date indicated below, <input type="checkbox"/> being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or <input type="checkbox"/> being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.			
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WELCH et al.

Application No. 09/720,197

Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Richard L. Chiesa

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: PLEATED FILTER AND A METHOD  
FOR MAKING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants petition for a three-month Extension of Time, extending the date for response to and including July 3, 2003, and have submitted an RCE requesting a two-month suspension of action. The fees for the extension of time, RCE, and suspension of action are enclosed. Also enclosed are 2 formal sheets of drawings as requested by the Examiner.